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INFO AID NCAD NEWCUMB PA//OC 47//

AMEMBASSY MANILA

CDR DPDS BATTLE CREEK MI

CDR DPDR DET SAGAMI JA

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USARJ CP ZAMA JA//G-4//

CG MARINE CORPS BASE CP SD BUTLER OKI//G-4//

MSC FAREAST

AID F/O YOKOSUKA JA//AID MILLER//

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SECSTATE FOR EA/EX ALSO FOR AID

MANILA ALSO FOR USAID

E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJECT: MODE: REQUEST OF AID TO CONTINUE OPERATION
OF THEIR YOKOSUKA PROCUREMENT OFFICE

REF: 76 TOKYO 14651

1. SUMMARY. IN LIGHT OF EVIDENCE PRESENTED AT MAY 25
MEETING ON WHETHER TO MAINTAIN AID/YOKOSUKA OFFICE
THROUGH FY 1979, EMBASSY BELIEVES CONTINUANCE IS
JUSTIFIED. END SUMMARY.

2. E/C-MIN CONVENED MEETING OF MISSION OFFICERS AND
USFJ AND AID REPRESENTATIVES MAY 25 TO REVIEW QUESTION
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OF YOKOSUKA AID OFFICE CONTINUANCE IN ACCORDANCE REFTEL.
SUKA AID REPRESENTATIVE MILLER ESTIMATED \$300
MILLION EXCESS PROPERTY WILL BECOME AVAILABLE TO AID
IN U.S. FISCAL 1979. MISSION MDO REPRESENTATIVE O'NEILL
NOTED THAT MOST MAP GENERATIONS WILL BE OF A MILITARY
COMBAT TYPE UNSUITABLE FOR AID USE AND THAT LAST MAP
GENERAL PURPOSE VEHICLES (MAIN CURRENT EXCESS PROPERTY

DISPOSAL ITEM USED BY AID) WILL BE RELEASED BY JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WITHIN THREE YEARS. CONSENSUS HOWEVER WAS THAT SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS EQUIPMENT WOULD BECOME AVAILABLE DURING COMING FISCAL YEAR.

3. AID/MANILA OFFICERS COMMENTED THAT THEY HAVE WORKED INTO AID'S PROGRAM FOR PHILIPPINES THE EXCESS VEHICLE GENERATIONS ANTICIPATED FROM JAPAN THROUGH AID/YOKOSUKA OVER NEXT THREE YEARS. THEY ADDED THAT AID/YOKOSUKA'S CONTRIBUTIONS HAD ACCOUNTED FOR A LITTLE OVER 10 PCT OF AID'S PHILIPPINES PROGRAM IN FY 1977 AND THAT 20 PCT IS A MORE USUAL RATIO.

4. AID/MANILA AND USFJ AGREED WITH AID/EPD DIRECTOR LOGAN AND WITH MILLER THAT THERE IS NO ADEQUATE SUBSTITUTE FOR AN AID REPRESENTATIVE ON SCENE TO SCREEN EXCESS EQUIPMENT ON HONSHU. THEY MAINTAINED THAT UNLESS THIS EQUIPMENT IS SCREENED AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE--NOT JUST PERIODICALLY--A GREAT DEAL OF IT INEVITABLY IS LOST TO REQUIREMENTS OF SCRAPPING SCHEDULE. FURTHERMORE, SPECIALTY EQUIPMENT OFTEN CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED FROM SUPPLY DATA BUT REQUIRES EXPERT ON SCENE TO IDENTIFY IT AND ASSESS ITS USEFULNESS TO AID PROGRAM. MDO REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT WITH RESPECT TO SPARE PARTS (PARTICULARLY VEHICLES AND GENERATORS), AID COULD PRESENT WANT LIST TO MDO, AND IN COURSE OF SUPPLY DEPOT

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VISITS MDO REPS COULD MAKE SWEEP FOR PARTS IDENTIFIED IN LIST.

5. IN LIGHT THESE COMMENTS EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT CONTINUANCE OF YOKOSUKA AID OFFICE FOR ADDITIONAL FISCAL YEAR IS DESIRABLE. WE RECOMMEND THAT NEED TO KEEP OFFICE IN OPERATION PAST SEPTEMBER 1979 BE REVIEWED IN MAY 1979. MANSFIELD

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